



Festival of the Grape

POWHATAN COUNTY

Many Powhatan residents choose to work in downtown Richmond but to live in bucolic settings. The area is bordered by the James River, Chesterfield County and the Appomattox River.

LOOKING FORWARD

In December 2015, Pocahontas Elementary was one of only 51 schools across the nation to receive a \$10,000 prize from *Code.org*, which encourages the teaching of computer coding at all grade levels. The Powhatan school was the only one in Virginia to receive one of the awards.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1777, the Virginia General Assembly created the county and named it after Pocahontas' father, making it the only county in the state that's named after an American Indian.

SHOPPING

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The county offers great options for antiques and collectibles. It also has some unusual shopping choices such as Country Food and Furniture, a Mennonite grocery with homemade breads and cakes, and at least five alpaca farms.

RECREATION

Powhatan County is home to Virginia's newest state park, which opened in July.

The 1,500-acre park was built to fill the need for camping and recreation in the Central Virginia area. Powhatan State Park boasts about 2.5 miles of riverfront property along the scenic James River. The waterfront includes amenities essential to enjoying everything the river has to offer, including fishing, canoeing, 5 miles of hiking and horseback riding trails, picnic shelters and a playground.

THE VIBE

Twenty miles from Richmond, much of the county still retains its agricultural heritage, with acre after acre of farms and white fences meandering along rolling horse pastures. Powhatan features quaint antique stores, a winery and a bevy of stables and farms. Despite its proximity to Richmond, the community so far has managed to stay relatively bucolic.

ENTERTAINMENT

Don't miss the Festival of the Grape wine fest in the fall in Courthouse Village.